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TAGS: ENRG, OPEC, PINR, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI CONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION: MEES ARTICLE

REF: BEIRUT 6006, JIDDA 303, 3381

1. RE JIDDA 3381 YAMANI IS USUALLY SOURCE OF MEES STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO ANONYMOUS BUT AUTHORITATIVE SAUDI SOURCE. READERS MAY ASSUME HE SOURCE UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED. MEES EDITOR FUAD ITAYIM CATCHES YAMANI DURING HIS FREQUENT BEIRUT STOPOVERS, OBTAINING UNPUBLISHED BACKGROUND, OCCASIONALLY A NOTEWORTHY ARTICLE, ONCE IN A WHILE A BOMBSHELL.

2. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MEES, IT WIDELY ASSUMED IN BEIRUT JOURNALIST CIRCLES THAT MEES SUBSIDIZED BY SAUDIS, SUBSIDIES TO JOURNALISTS BEING COMMONPLACE  
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HERE. IN PRIVATE ITAYIM FREELY ADMITS AD-

HERENCE TO ARAB, PARTICULARLY SAUDI, VIEWPOINT MOST  
ISSUES, MAKES NO CLAIM TO TOTAL OBJECTIVITY, SEES NO  
REASON APOLOGIZE. (HE IS ALSO STRONG ADVOCATE PALES-  
TINIAN CAUSE, CONTRIBUTING TO JOURNAL OF PALESTINE  
STUDIES. WE USE HIM FOR BOTH OIL AND PALESTINE  
BRIEFINGS FOR VISITING VIPS.) MEES SYMPATHIES  
USUALLY SELF-EVIDENT IN ITS WRITINGS BUT WE UNABLE  
CONFIRM SUBSIDY ALLEGATION.  
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